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SUBJECT: DUTCH CHARGE BRIEFED ON SITUATION IN GREECE

1. DURING DUTCH CHARGE VAN AERSSSEN'S NOVEMBER 17 CALL ON DAVIES ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, CHARGE REQUESTED LATEST US READING OF SITUATION IN GREECE. DAVIES SAID ACCORDING TO LATEST REPORTS TROUBLES APPEARED TO BE RESULT OF EFFORTS BY EXTREME LEFT TO POLARIZE GREEK POLITICS AND THUS BREAK UP NORMALIZATION PROCESS BY BRINGING GREEK GOVERNMENT UNDER FIRE FROM EXTREME LEFT AND RIGHT. ALTHOUGH MARKEZINIS HAS CANCELLED SCHEDULED PRESS CONFERENCE DURING WHICH HE HAD PLANNED TO DISCUSS ELECTORAL PROCESS, PAPADOPOULOS HAS REAFFIRMED INTENTION TO CONTINUE WITH POLITICAL NORMALIZATION PROCESS. DAVIES ADDED THAT GREEK GOVERNMENT HAD EXERCISED MAXIMUM RESTRAINT. HOWEVER, THERE APPEARS TO BE EVIDENCE OF OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS INCLUDING DEMANDS FOR OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT.

2. VAN AERSSSEN VOICED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN INDICATIONS OF RIGHT WING SENTIMENT AGAINST NORMALIZATION AS PLANNED BY
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GREEK REGIME. HE SAID HE WOULD CALL AT DEPARTMENT AGAIN

IN NEXT FEW DAYS TO DISCUSS GREEK SITUATION FURTHER. KISSINGER

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